

**Subject:**Announcement of More at Four Expansion (2007-2008)

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**To:**More at Four Fiscal Contacts, More at Four Program, More at Four Administrator

I am pleased to announce that the More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program will receive funds for expansion for SFY 2007-08. Today, through Executive Order #120, Governor Easley directed \$59.3 million to expand More at Four. A [press release](#) is attached for your information. Expansion includes funding necessary to serve an additional 10,000 children. Specific details will be communicated early next week regarding start-up funding and per slot rate increases.

This is the largest expansion of the More at Four Pre-Kindergarten Program in its six-year history. We know from our statewide data that at-risk four-year-olds across our state remain unserved. This increased funding for pre-kindergarten gives us the opportunity to meet this critical need and prepare even more at-risk children for success in school. The infrastructure developed by contractors and local communities to provide More at Four services has achieved expansion goals each year since the program began, providing high-quality services to more children every year. It is this collaboration that will make this expansion of services successful.

If your county has already requested expansion slots, we ask you to plan for additional expansion slots, above the number you have requested, in light of the increased expansion funding that has now been approved.

If your county has not yet requested expansion slots, we ask you to plan now for expansion slots or renew existing planning efforts.

The state office staff is eager to assist you, as needed, in planning for expansion slots. You will be contacted by your state program consultant. Feel free to call and email us as needed for additional information and assistance.